

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.53(b)

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No. 09/793,403
Filed on February 27, 2001
Of Tetsuo MATSUMURA et al.
Entitled: CONTROL METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR VEHICLE
Examiner: D. Le
Group: 3681

- X 1. Accompanying this order is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed.

Total pages: 54

- X 2. Formal drawings are being filed herewith consisting of 25 sheets, depicting Figures 1-29.

- X 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney:

a. Newly executed (original or copy)

b. X Copy from prior application (**including Substitute Declaration**)

i. Deletion of Inventors - signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application

- X 4. Incorporation by Reference:

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

- 5. Cancel original claims ____.
- 6. Small entity status:
- a. — Is still proper and desired.
- b. — Is no longer claimed
- X 7. The filing fee is calculated below:

Claims as Filed, Including Any Claims
Cancelled or Added by Preliminary Amendment

Basic Fee							\$375/750	=	\$750.00
Total Claims	9	-	20	=	0	x	\$9/18	=	\$
Independent Claims	2	-	3	=	0	x	\$42/84	=	\$
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented							\$140/280	=	\$
Total Filing Fee									\$750.00

- 8. Please charge the deposit account of undersigned, No. 05-1323, in the amount of \$____ (Docket #____).
- X 9. A check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- X 10. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required under 37 CFR § 1.16 or 37 CFR § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056203.49699C1).
- X 11. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/793,403, filed February 27, 2001.--
- X 12. Priority of Appln. No. 2000-216460, filed in Japan on February 27, 2001, is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119.
- X 13. A certified copy of each said priority document was filed in application Serial No. 09/793,403 on June 4, 2001.
- X 14. The prior application is assigned of record to Hitachi, Ltd.
- X 15. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:
- Herbert I. Cantor, Reg. No. 24,392; James F. McKeown, Reg. No. 25,406; Donald D. Evenson, Reg. No. 26,160; Joseph D. Evans, Reg. No. 26,269; Gary R. Edwards, Reg. No. 31,824; and Jeffrey D. Sanok, Reg. No. 32,169.
- X a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.

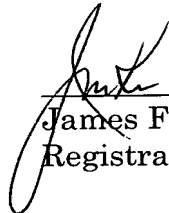
- ☐ b. Since the power does not appear in the original application papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- ☐ c. Attached is a duplicate of a Supplemental Declaration which was filed in the prior application to overcome informalities.
- ☒ d. Address all future correspondence to:

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- ☒ 16. Forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 listing prior art made of record in the prior application are attached. A copy of each of the listed references should be available in the prior application file.
- ☒ 17. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.
- ☒ 18. Return Receipt Postcard.

Respectfully submitted,

September 26, 2003



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